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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, MTN

SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND CONCERNS ABOUT GATT CONSULTATIVE
GROUP

1. HARRY HOLDEN, MINISTER COMMERCIAL, OF THE NEW ZEALAND
EMBASSY MADE A COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR WALKER TODAY
AND EXPRESSED THE SERIOUS CONCERNS OF NEW ZEALAND AT THE
PROSPECT OF BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE GATT GROUP OF EIGHTEEN
(CONSULTATIVE GROUP). HE SAID THAT NEW ZEALAND UNDERSTANDS
THE IDEA OF ALTERNATES, WOULD ENVISION NEW ZEALAND AS AN
ALTERNATE TO AUSTRALIA BUT THAT AUSTRALIA IS NOT KEEN ON
THE IDEA OF AN ALTERNATE FOR ITSELF; NOR IS NEW ZEALAND
HAPPY ABOUT SUCH A PROSPECT. APPARENTLY LONG IS TO MEET
WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO
REACH AGREEMENT SO HE CAN TAKE THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP
PROPOSAL TO THE GATT COUNCIL.

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2. WE DO NOT WISH TO GET IN THE MIDDLE OF ANY ANZAC
DISAGREEMENT NOR DO WE WISH TO SEE SIZE OF GROUP INCREASED
PARTICULARLY GIVEN POLISH PRESSURES. HOWEVER, WE ARE
COGNIZANT OF POTENTIAL NEW ZEALAND ASSISTANCE IN REGARD
TO AGRICULTURAL ISSUES IN THE MTN AND ACCORDINGLY MISSION
MAY ADVISE LONG THAT WE ARE HOPEFUL HE CAN WORK OUT
SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD MEET NEW ZEALAND

CONCERNS THAT IT IS BEING EXCLUDED FROM CONSULTATIVE
GROUP.

3. MISSION REQUESTED ADVISE ESTERBROOK SMITH OF CONTACT
WITH LONG ON THIS ISSUE AND OUR HOPE FOR ITS RESOLUTION.
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